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## Poultry and Livestock Pools Pass Minimum Sign-Up--All Three Will "Go Over" if Efficient Canvass Continued

First Two Pools Will Be Placed on Permanent Basis at Early Date—Dairy Board Remove Misunderstanding Which Has Caused Holding of Contracts in Country—First General Meeting of Livestock Pool Called—Poultry Board to Meet July 21st to Arrange for Election

Following a meeting of the Provisional Board of the Alberta Livestock Pool, definite announcement was made last week that the necessary minimum sign-up of 2,500 carloads per annum called for in the contract, had been passed.

Steps were accordingly taken to enable the membership to place the Pool on a permanent basis. The call to the first general meeting, at which the Permanent Board will be elected, was issued. The work of bringing the Pool into practical operation will be in the hands of the Permanent Board elected by the contract-holders.

### POULTRY POOL MINIMUM ASSURED

The meeting of the Livestock Board was held on Friday. On the previous day, at a meeting of the Joint Pool Organization Committee, the member of the committee representing the Egg and Poultry Pool announced that the minimum sign-up had been passed. It was considered absolutely imperative, however, that the canvass should be continued with all possible intensity. The necessity for a vigorous continuance of the canvass was also emphasized by the representatives of the Livestock Pool. It was pointed out that the sign-up is inevitably of a scattered character, and that notwithstanding the practical attainment of the minima, the Pools could not be regarded as on a firm footing until consolidation of the sign-up had been completed.

### DAIRY CONTRACTS HELD THROUGH MISUNDERSTANDING

Representatives of the Provisional Board of the Dairy Pool reported that they had found considerable confusion in the country. This confusion had developed during the ten days preceding the meeting, and was the result of misunderstanding in the rural districts in regard to the policy to be pursued by the Dairy Board when this shall have been set up. It was stated that the producers in the country seemed to be under the impression that they might be called upon to ship their cream long distances, and thus to lose one or two grades, unless they were given a guarantee that a creamery would be situated at some convenient point. In view of this misunderstanding, some producers were accordingly holding their contracts with a view to appealing to the Permanent Board,

### First General Meeting of Livestock Pool in Edmonton, August 4th

The first general meeting of the Alberta Co-operative Livestock Producers, Ltd., will be held in the G.W.V.A. Memorial Hall, Edmonton, commencing at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4th. Contract signers have all been notified, and asked to form local shipping associations and to elect delegates to attend the meeting.

The Provisional Board advise the formation of shipping associations in all districts where the sign-up is not less than 100 carloads. In districts where the sign-up still falls short of this volume, the contract will not be enforced immediately. Canvassers are urged to make a special effort in these districts to secure at least the total sign-up of 100 carloads.

Contracts are being received in substantial numbers from day to day. The canvassers, in all parts of the Province—not merely in the districts where owing to the scattered character of the sign-up the contract remains for the time being in abeyance, but in every district in Alberta—are strongly urged to continue their labors with a hundred per cent. sign-up as their objective.

when this is elected, to take steps to locate a convenient creamery.

The representatives of the Dairy Pool explained that it is not the intention of the Board to enforce any contract, after the completion of the sign-up, unless and until they have provided facilities which will ensure the economic handling of the product. They gave assurance to the Joint Committee that no shipper would suffer loss of revenue on account of shipment.

The Dairy Board further called attention to the imperative necessity of early delivery of the contracts to the head office of the Pool. If the policy of holding contracts in the country were to be adhered to by many canvassers or producers, there was a possibility,

the Board stated, that the minimum might not be obtained, and that in consequence the whole effort to set up the Dairy Pool might be wasted.

It was announced at the joint meeting that to a lesser extent, contracts for the Livestock and Poultry Pools were also being held in the country. Immediate delivery of these to the head offices was strongly urged.

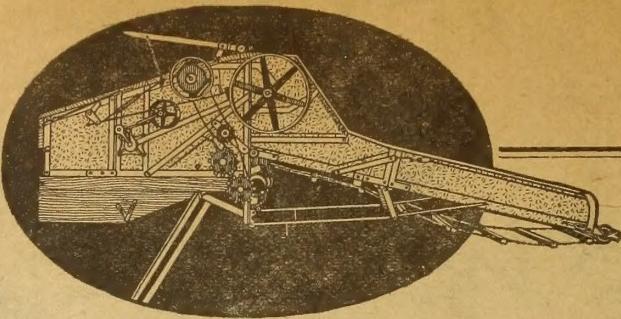
### CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS

"The Joint Pool Organization Committee," read a statement issued at the close of the meeting, "are firmly of the opinion that all three Pools are going to be successful in their sign-up, providing the canvass is carried on in an efficient manner. Considerable money has been spent in organization work; all the information we could accumulate has been sent out. The whole proposition is now up to the canvassers, and consequently the success or failure of the organization is largely in their hands."

In announcing the call to the first general meeting of the Alberta Co-operative Livestock Producers, Ltd., the Provisional Board state that although the minimum has been passed, the sign-up is so scattered in many districts that consolidation will be necessary before the contracts in these districts can be effectively used.

A meeting of the full Board of the Livestock Pool has been called for August 1st. The meeting will be continued each

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## EDITORIAL

## NEW VICTORIES FOR CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING

By their response to the canvass for membership in the new Pools, Alberta farmers have shown in the most practical manner possible their determination to apply the principles of co-operative marketing, now successfully in operation in the handling of wheat, to all the more important products of the farm. The Joint Organization Committee which has been in charge of the campaign is to be congratulated on the efficiency and energy with which the drive has been carried on. The Poultry and Livestock Pools have already secured the necessary minimum sign-up, and the Joint Organization Committee are confident that, if the work of local canvassers be continued with undiminished vigor, the quota will be obtained by the Dairy Pool also. Members of the Dairy Board pointed out at the meeting of the committee in Edmonton last week, that a considerable number of producers who intend to become members of the Pool have been hesitating to send in their contracts, owing to a misunderstanding which the Board has taken steps to remove.

While the Poultry and Livestock Pools have obtained their quota, it is still necessary to increase the sign-up by a very large percentage, if the maximum degree of success in marketing through the new Pools is to be made possible. In some districts the sign-up is of a scattered character, and local canvassers everywhere are urged to put forth all possible efforts during the remaining weeks of August, to increase the enrollment and so consolidate the gains of the campaign.

The birth of the new Pools is the direct outcome of the action taken by the organized farmers themselves through the U. F. A. Annual Convention of January, 1924. For the initial steps in the campaign, as well as for the enthusiasm which has been displayed in the work of organization, credit is very largely due to the United Farm Women in all parts of the Province. Their insistent demand for an Egg and Poultry Pool, voiced in the U. F. W. A. Convention held in that year, was an important factor in the setting up by the main Convention of the committee which undertook to launch the drives for the three new Pools.

The successes now recorded have been made possible by the program of self-education carried on over a term of years by the farmers and farm women of Alberta. For the organization of the Pools, nine-tenths of the responsibility has fallen upon the membership of the U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. The launching of the Pools will mark a new chapter in the history of farmers' commercial enterprise, and one of the greatest achievements of the general farm organization—the U. F. A.

COMMENDS ALBERTA'S THOROUGHNESS TO  
U. S. FARMERS

Since his return to the States, Walton H. Peteet, secretary of the National Council of Farmers' Co-operative Marketing Associations of the United States, has been commanding to the farmers of the republic the co-operative spirit of the organized farmers of Alberta. He pays a very high tribute to the work of the U. F. A. in initiating and carrying forward the co-operative marketing movement, and comments, incidentally, on the role played by the Farmer Government. Referring to the united support which the co-operative marketing enterprises have received in Alberta, Mr. Peteet says: "I could not help envying for some of our United States co-operatives this unity of support."

"The National Council," he says, "is well known in Canada, and I was given a warm and hospitable reception wherever I went. Canadian farmers have the same problems and the same outlook as American farmers; they are joining co-operative Pools rapidly, and I predict for Alberta a co-operative movement which will probably exceed in thoroughness and relative magnitude the movement in any of our American States."

"While in Alberta I had an opportunity to observe a strictly Farmer Government. The farmers control an overwhelming majority of the Legislature." They constitute, Mr. Peteet points out, an independent group which has "been in office for four years and shows no sign of losing power."

"All classes in Alberta appear to be supporting the co-operative movement. The Provincial Government is giving open and active aid; the U. F. A., the dominant farmers' organization of the Province, initiated the movement; at every meeting which I attended there were on the platform representatives of the Provincial Government, usually in the person of some member of the cabinet, the mayor of the town, president of the board of trade, and representatives of the U. F. A."

## \* \* \* \* ONE ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESS

In all his addresses in Alberta, Mr. Peteet laid emphasis on the importance of maintaining the general farm organization—the U. F. A.—at full strength. Unless the general organization be maintained as a strong force, correlating as far as possible the various activities of the farmers—the initiator and inspiration of every enterprise for the improvement of the conditions of the farmers—Mr. Peteet believes that the new co-operative marketing enterprises themselves cannot have lasting success.

The chief difficulty experienced by co-operative marketing Pools in some parts of the United States, he said, arose from the lack among members who were carried into the Pools upon a wave of enthusiasm, of that solid grounding in the ideals and principles of co-operation which work in a general farm organization such as the U. F. A. alone could give.

Dan Stewart's letter, published in this issue, sheds an illuminating light on the methods of C. R. Mitchell's pet organizer and publicist. After all, from a certain point of view, a faked list of "officers" is "just as good" as a genuine list, and to represent a loyal U. F. A. man as a deserter, may serve the purposes of the less scrupulous sort of politicians—especially if knowledge of the faking can be kept from the public.

"Before we can have anything like a majority for the truth, we must make a minority for the truth; and at first it will be a very small minority. It is only by the big parties breaking up into very small but very sincere groups that we can again make a big party that shall also be sincere."—G. K. Chesterton.

# Members Win Fight to Make Bankruptcy Act of Practical Value to Farmers

**H. E. Spencer, M.P., in Behalf of U. F. A. Members, Delivers Final Report on Convention Resolutions — How the Government Dealt With Rural Credits**

Twenty-four resolutions passed by the U. F. A. Annual Convention last winter were submitted to the U. F. A. members at Ottawa. The report of the members upon these resolutions is summarized by Mr. Spencer below:

**Research Work of Dr. Birchard**—The Convention expressed its appreciation of the services rendered by Dr. Birchard in his research work in the baking and milling tests of Canadian wheat, and asked the Dominion Government to give Dr. Birchard the fullest opportunity for carrying on such research work and that full publicity be given to his report.

The Minister was agreeable to encouragement of scientific research, and promised publicity to any compiled reports.

**Self-Registering Scales at Elevators**—The Convention resolution was as follows:

Whereas, the present system of weighing in country elevators, whereby the operator takes the break of the beam to play safe on the weights, is grossly unfair to the farmers, and,

Whereas, recent investigations show that scales are frequently manipulated by operators to the advantage of their companies and to the detriment of the producer;

Therefore, be it resolved, that we petition to have legislation enacted making it compulsory for all elevator companies to install automatic self-registering scales forthwith, and,

Further, that a more rigid inspection of all such scales be made in the future.

This might be applied where new elevators are being built, but it would entail heavy expense on the elevator companies to compel them to discard present scales; besides there would be no guarantee that automatic self-registering scales could not be tampered with.

**Mineral Rights Tax Act**—This resolution, though condemning the action of the Federal Government in 1924, was a request to the Provincial Government to try and secure a reversal of the decision.

A copy was therefore sent to the Honorable Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice, and to the Alberta Government.

**Bankruptcy Act Amendments**—The Government has been continually pressed to bring down this much-needed legislation, with the result that what appears to be a very satisfactory bill, was passed in the House of Commons on the 11th of June, 1923.

[The adoption of this measure, which now for the first time makes the Bankruptcy Act of practical value to farmers, is a notable achievement for the Farmer members. The provisions of the act will be outlined in "The U. F. A." for the benefit of our readers. The bill provides for the appointment of an officer by a Provincial Government, to act as trustee and custodian. Such officer will not be entitled to any remuneration as custodian or trustee. In answer to E. J. Garland, M.P., who pressed the Government to bring the act into operation at the earliest possible date, the Minister in charge of the bill stated that the act would be proclaimed as soon as certain necessary changes in rules to conform with the new legislation, could be made.—Editor.]

**Requesting the Enforcement of the Drug and Opium Act**—The Minister of Health is very anxious to provide a more adequate means of controlling the drug

In addition to the performance of heavy Parliamentary work, H. E. Spencer, M.P., has carried out continuously since the election of 1921, the onerous duties of secretary of the U. F. A. group in the House of Commons. In this position he has rendered great services not only to his fellow members, but also to the farmers and the people of the Province as a whole. Among other responsibilities, he has undertaken the preparation annually of a report on the action taken upon resolutions of the U. F. A. Annual Convention concerning Federal affairs.

A report upon seven of the resolutions of the Convention held last January was published in "The U. F. A." of May 15th. The remainder, seventeen in number, are dealt with below. The resolutions were divided among committees of members at Ottawa, who have given the various matters referred to their especial attention.

and Opium traffic, and has introduced legislation to that effect which has passed the Commons.

**Watered Stock**—A resolution was submitted by M. N. Campbell, M.P., condemning the tendency of companies to inflate the value of their shares. A good discussion was made thereon and the resolution accepted by the House. The Secretary of State came in for considerable criticism, as he claimed he was always critical of the practice of so-called watering stock, yet after four years of office he had never taken any action.

**Amendment Canada Grain Act**—The U. F. A. Convention asked that Chapter 27, Section 91, Clause 6, be amended as follows:

"That all cars on their arrival at a terminal elevator be resampled and such

samples retained for 60 days and upon appeal such samples be sent to the nearest point of inspection for re-inspection and if the first inspection is altered, the original certificate shall be recalled and a new one shall be issued in accordance with the re-inspection and shall be final."

It is the established practice to inspect all grain passing through Winnipeg at that point, a full staff of inspectors being located there for that purpose, and it would not be practicable and would involve a large expense to maintain another similar staff at terminal elevator points to duplicate this work, with doubtful advantage to the producers.

**Amendment Canada Grain Act**—It was asked that Chapter 27, Section 101, Clause 2, of the Canada Grain Act be amended to read as follows:

"No appeal shall be considered in any case where the identity of the grain in dispute has not been preserved, except where the inspector's sample has been preserved; and the person calling the survey will guarantee the grade and value to the shipper of the grain should the grade be raised by survey."

The Grain Act provides definitely that no appeal shall be considered in any case where the identity of the grain in dispute has not been preserved.

The Act further provides that in case of dispute as to grade, the inspector's decision is final. If a farmer is uncertain as to the grade to which his grain is entitled, his proper course is to sell subject to inspector's grade, which gives him the further right to appeal, two Appeal Boards being established under the new Act for that purpose, one at Winnipeg and one at Calgary.

The following advice is given by one qualified by many years of experience in connection with one of the largest co-operative elevator systems in Canada:

In order to protect himself the farmer should, at the time of loading his car, together with the elevator operator, take a sample of the grain from the sample box; forward the same to his pool, or commission agent, with the following information and instructions:

This is sample of Car No.....  
I expect it to grade No.....

If it does not make this grade, please ask for reinspection.

If sample taken from car does not agree with this sample, please ask for resampling and reinspection.

**Immigration**—Resolutions in criticism of above were passed by both U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. Conventions.

In spite of the resolutions passed at the Farmers' Conventions, the Government appears determined to go ahead with this policy, and this year is spending upwards of \$3,000,000 to encourage same. It is alleged that the only immigrants who are allowed to come to the country are those who intend to go on the land, or domestic servants.

The total spent by the Government on immigration during the past four years was \$11,211,813, while the number of immigrants admitted during that time was 422,808.



H. E. SPENCER, M.P.

There are various agencies outside the Government who are active in immigration, including the Canadian National Railways, who are spending this year \$800,000. The viewpoint of the Convention was well presented to the Government during the passing of the Immigration estimates.

**Adjustment of Pensions**—A bill has passed the Commons providing for the permanent establishment of the bonus as requested in the resolution passed by the U. F. A. Convention.

**Criticism of Mountain Rate on the C. N. R. to B. C.**—The Alberta members have continually advocated reduced rates to British Columbia, and have hopes that relief will be given when rate schedules are adjusted by the Railway Commission.

**Completion of Hudson Bay Railway Requested**—A resolution in favor of the completion of this railway was introduced by Mr. Knox, M.P., and accepted by the House. Although the Government recognizes some responsibility, it does not appear to be in any hurry to complete this work.

**Carrying of Mail by the C. N. R.**—A resolution was introduced into the House by Mr. Ward, M.P., of Manitoba, in support of this resolution. The Postmaster General assured the House that he was doing all that he could to give the National Railways their fair share of this work.

**Rural Credits**—Much as this reform is needed, and in spite of the recommendations of Dr. Tory, supported consistently by the Western members, the Government appeared very reluctant to pass the legislation.

The Minister of Finance, although he had a bill prepared, claimed to the Alberta members, that those from the Province of Quebec and the Maritimes were not very sympathetic.

Forty-eight hours prior to prorogation, the Minister introduced his bill, which limited the amount to be loaned by the Dominion Government to \$10,000,000. One of the clauses in said bill calls for priority over all other claims. The members made some constructive criticism with regard to this bill, but the Minister refused to make any amendments, so the bill was passed; though it is doubtful if it will be of any service in its present form.

[Since writing the above, the Senate has killed the bill by giving it a six months' hoist.—H. E. S.]

**Request That Home Bank Depositors Be Reimbursed**—A bill was presented by the Acting Finance Minister in favor of granting \$5,450,000 for the relief of the Home Bank depositors and passed the House of Commons without a division. The Senate afterwards made some drastic alterations, amongst which was one cutting the reimbursement down to \$3,000,000.

**Inspection and Grading of Textiles**—The Minister of Trade and Commerce admits this problem has been brought to the attention of his Department for a number of years, but in view of the expenditure involved they have not been able to recommend anything practical. They will, however, be glad to consider the proposal and ascertain what would be necessary in the way of legislation and laboratory accommodation.

**Immigration**—The U. F. W. A. by resolution asked that all immigrants from continental ports be examined by

## D. M. Kennedy Unanimous Choice of Peace River as Candidate in Forthcoming Federal Election

To all U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals in the New Peace River Constituency:—  
Dear Sir or Madam:

We take great pleasure in informing all Locals that D. M. Kennedy has received the nomination for the Peace River Federal Constituency by acclamation.

In response to our Circular letter of February 21st the following nominations were received: D. M. Kennedy, M.P.; A. R. Brown, Westlock, Alta.; Jas. McGregor, Eastburg, Alta. Both Mr. Brown and Mr. McGregor afterwards withdrew in favor of Mr. Kennedy, making the nomination unanimous and no ballot will be required.

It is difficult at present to say when the election will be called, but IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT PREPARATIONS SHOULD BE MADE NOW. WE HAVE IN MR. KENNEDY THE STRONGEST CANDIDATE IN THE FIELD IN PEACE RIVER AND AN OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS. ONLY BY CONTINUED EFFORTS ALONG THE LINES TAKEN BY THE GROUP OF WHICH MR. KENNEDY IS A MEMBER WILL WE RECEIVE ANY RELIEF FROM THE BURDENS PLACED UPON US BY EXORBITANT FREIGHT RATES, HIGH TARIFF AND OUR PRESENT FINANCIAL SYSTEM. IF WE CAN ONLY BRING BACK THE ENTHUSIASM AND LOYALTY WHICH PREVAILED FOUR YEARS AGO OUR SUCCESS IS ASSURED.

Yours very truly,  
JOS. MESSMER,  
Secretary.

Freedom, Alta.

a trained psychiatrist at the port of embarkation.

The Deputy Minister of Immigration in writing about this matter, reports as follows:

"I feel that an outline of the precautions already taken to prevent the immigration from the continent of undesirables, such as are described in the United Farm Women's resolution, will be a sufficient answer to the representations submitted. We have on the continent a number of immigration officers before whom all immigrants must appear for examination before sailing for Canada. In the cases of unaccompanied young women a medical certificate from one of our roster doctors must be presented, showing that the holder thereof is in good mental and physical health. In all other cases when applications for passport vise are being made, the applicants are examined by the Canadian immigration official and whenever he is of the opinion that the intending immigrant is not physically and mentally fit, he refers the party concerned to the roster doctor for examination and, under no circumstances, allows the immigrant a vise unless he is thoroughly satisfied as to his or her condition. In addition to this the steamship companies have their medical officers at the various ports of embarkation and all immigrants are carefully examined by them, as in the event of their being brought forward and found upon arrival in Canada to be mentally or physically defective, the companies are liable not only to a heavy fine and to return the immigrant to the country from whence he came, but may also be called upon to refund the westbound passage money of the immigrant.

"In addition to the above, I may add that, upon their arrival at a Canadian port, each and every immigrant is examined by a medical officer before being allowed to land and if found to be certifiable under any of the medical clauses of the Act they are, of course, rejected and subject to deportation.

"Insofar as the British Isles are concerned, the same care is exercised by the Department to prevent the emigration of physically and mentally defective, as prevails on the continent.

"With respect to mental cases may I draw your attention to the fact that their admission is positively prohibited under Section 3, S. S. "a" of the Immigration

Act and that under no consideration whatever does the Department consent to the entry of the feeble-minded persons, idiots, imbeciles, epileptics, insane persons or persons who have been insane at any time prior to their coming to Canada. This is one section of the Act which is enforced regardless of all other circumstances and the United Farm Women of Alberta may rest assured that there is no intention on the part of the Department to ease up on cases covered by the classes I have just mentioned."

## Establish Community Park at Irricana

U. F. A. Spirit Expressed in First Purely Rural Municipal Playground

As a practical expression of the U. F. A. spirit as applied in municipal enterprise, the opening of what is probably the first purely rural municipal park in the Province, which took place in the municipality of Irricana a couple of weeks ago, is an outstanding example. The park, which is situated about nine miles from the town between the Bruce Lakes, is being beautified by the planting of a large number of trees, and laid out to provide for the pleasure and comfort of holiday makers. It is 95 acres in extent.

About a thousand persons attended the opening ceremony, at which A. C. Scratch, reeve of the municipality and secretary of the East Calgary U. F. A. Federal Constituency Association, and local Wheat Pool secretary, presided. J. C. Buckley, U. F. A. member for Gleichen, planted the first tree, and addresses were delivered by A. F. Ewing, U. F. A. director for the constituency, Phil Donkan, and others. Mr. Donkan was the Wheat Pool delegate of 1924. The Strathmore Citizens band was in attendance, and an excellent program of field and water sports was carried out. In the baseball game between Keoma and the Calgary Hustlers, the Hustlers were victors by a score of 9 to 7.

The manager of the Chestermere Lakes Community Association was among the visitors of the day.

# Proposed Legislation Would Equalize Burden of Education in Rural Districts of Alberta

**Amendment to Educational Tax Act Would Provide Fund for All Rural Districts From Three Mills Levy—Why Special Legislation Is Needed**

By Hon. PERREN BAKER, Minister of Education

The method of financing rural schools now in force in Alberta, which places almost the entire burden on the local district, is unsatisfactory. This for two reasons. First, it is unjust. School districts are of very unequal size, and they vary in wealth from a total assessed valuation of \$10,000 to \$400,000. School taxes are levied against all lands within a school district, regardless of the wishes of the owner, or his need for a school. If a man asks, "Why should I pay for the education of the children of other people?" we say: "The education of all the children is of such importance to the welfare of the state that all must pay their share for the common good." This is just and right. But when, as we do, we say to one man, "You must pay three mills on the dollar," and to another, "You must pay thirty-five mills for the common good," it is unjust and wrong.

It may, with some plausibility, be argued that education is the affair of the parents and not of the state. But when, having accepted the principle of the tax supported school, the state takes it in hand, to compel one man to pay three mills, and another thirty-five, for the same type of one-room rural school, it is without defence.

## PRESENT METHOD DOES NOT WORK

The second reason why our method of financing rural education is unsatisfactory, is that it does not "work". Many of the poorer districts are quite unable to pay the high rates that would be necessary to carry on a yearly school, and are forced to put up with a short term. Over forty thousand Alberta school children attended school less than one hundred days during the school year 1923-24. Although the short-term school is not the sole cause, it must take a large share of the blame for this unfortunate condition.

It is proposed to remedy this unsatisfactory situation by paying to each rural district, in addition to its regular grant, an equalization grant of four or five hundred dollars per teacher, depending on the amount of money available. The money to pay this new grant would be raised by extending the application of the educational tax of three mills, which is now paid on all lands not included in any school district, to all rural districts. An equal rate of three mills, on the assessed valuation for supplementary revenue purposes, would be levied over the entire area, and the tax collected in the same manner in which the supplementary tax is now collected. This money would be kept by the Provincial Treasurer, in a separate account, and every cent of it devoted to the education of the children of the rural districts. From this fund an equal grant of so much per teacher would be paid to every district.

## PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT

Under the terms of an amendment to the Educational Tax Act, introduced at the spring session of the Alberta Legislature, it is proposed to create a fund to provide additional grants to all rural school districts, and also to make special provision for needy school districts. We give the following explanation of the terms of the bill, in response to a request made by the U.F.W.A. Board at a meeting in Calgary last week:

### ESSENTIAL FEATURES OF BILL

The essential features of the bill are contained in four short paragraphs. These provide for the extension of the Educational tax of three mills which is now paid only in respect to lands not included in any school district, to all rural school districts. The total assessment of the land which would be made subject to the three mills tax, would be about \$608,000,000, and the yield would thus be approximately \$1,800,000. At the present time some \$200,000 is collected from lands not in school districts. The additional revenue, if Mr. Baker's bill were enacted, would therefore be about \$1,600,000. The tax would be collected in the same manner as the supplementary revenue-tax.

This fund of \$1,600,000 would be more than sufficient to provide a grant of five hundred dollars (in addition to the present regular grant), in respect to every one of the 3,000 rural teachers. The total required for this purpose would be \$1,500,000, so that a balance of \$100,000 would still remain. The Department would use this balance for the payment of special grants to needy districts and of reasonable fees for high school work.

### FINAL ACTION DEFERRED

We have requested Perren Baker, Minister of Education, who is in charge of the bill, to set forth the case for the new legislation. This Mr. Baker has undertaken to do in the article printed on this page.

In moving the second reading of the bill, Mr. Baker said that he did not desire its enactment until full opportunity had been given for discussion of its provisions, and that the bill would accordingly be held over for consideration at the adjourned session this fall. We understand that in all probability the bill will now be left over until 1926, as the time available for consideration of the measure at the adjourned session will be very short.—EDITOR.

This scheme of equalization grants, if put into effect, would, to a considerable degree, equalize the burden between large and small, rich and poor districts, in large measure doing away with the injustice that now exists. Supplemented by graduated special grants to the most needy districts, it would enable every district to operate its school for practically the full school year, without imposing an unreasonably high rate of taxation. It would go far toward bringing to all the children of the Province the great boon of a full-time school,

lacking which their progress is much retarded.

Two things stand in the way of its adoption—the general fear of everything new and the natural reluctance of some of the people, comfortably established in well-to-do school districts, to admit any responsibility beyond their own boundaries. But, until we are prepared to adopt some plan for equalizing the burden, education in pioneer regions must mark time and forty thousand Alberta children continue to receive less than one hundred days of schooling a year. With such a handicap, it is impossible for children to complete the eighth grade before their precious years of school are gone forever, and it is idle to claim that in Alberta adequate provision is made for the education of our children.

## MITIGATE HARDSHIPS OF PIONEERS

The farm people of Alberta know well the hardships and privations that are endured by the pioneers in every new district. Their contribution to the general welfare is great. The price they pay in labor and suffering and often in life itself, is tremendous. Surely, it is little enough that we should stand side-by-side with them to the small extent of three mills on the dollar, in order that to their many other disappointments there may not be added the sorrow of seeing their children grow up without a chance to receive a common school education.

If anyone has a better scheme to propose, he should let it be known; but if not let us support the proposed plan for a big step forward in rural education in Alberta.



HON. PERREN BAKER

# Economics for the Canadian Reader

The Analogy Between Eighteenth Century Scotland and Twentieth Century Canada—The Farmer, According to Adam Smith, Rarely Understands His Own Interest

By Professor C. R. FAY

Eighteenth century Scotland presents a very close analogy with twentieth century Canada. Each is a young country growing up by the side of a richer neighbor to the south. Each has seen the value of its raw produce—hides, wool, furs, forests and lands—improved by economic contact with the markets of the world. And the analogy extends even further. We seek on all hands for an "Economics for the Canadian Reader" which shall embody the essential experiences of Canadian economic life. Adam Smith all but wrote this for us a century and a half ago, as the extracts from his immortal work, *The Wealth of Nations*, quoted below, will show.

### Charter for Mixed Farming

The call of the Canadian West is for mixed farming; here is its charter in the first book of the *Wealth of Nations*, published in 1776:

The increase of stock and the improvement of land are two events which must go hand in hand, and of which the one can nowhere much out-run the other. Without some increase of stock, there can be scarce any improvement of land, but there can be no considerable increase of stock but in consequence of considerable improvement of land; because otherwise the land could not maintain it. These natural obstructions to the establishment of a better system cannot be removed but by a long course of frugality and industry; and half a century or a century more, perhaps, must pass away before the old system, which is wearing out gradually, can be completely abolished through all the different parts of the country.

### The "Ginger" Ingredient

The pool woman is the ginger ingredient of the co-operative life of the prairies today; and the proceeds of the Egg and Poultry Pools are her perquisite as a farm wife. They are, as Adam Smith says, "a mere save-all", but when poultry ranches are built they become a main occupation, which must bear the general costs of the farm. This stage is reached "as wealth and luxury increase, in consequence of improvement and cultivation."

The hog was originally a save-all who "finds his food among ordure, and greedily devours many things rejected by every other useful animal", but in time the demand for the product grows so much that it becomes more than a by-product. Adam Smith observed that in South America horned cattle were "almost constantly killed merely for the sake of the hide and tallow". So also until recent times, Canada produced the lard hog; but now it is specializing on the bacon hog, which is becoming in certain districts of the West, and also in Ontario, an integral part of the economy of a mixed farm. But this production cannot be stabilized unless, as the period of development of new lands comes to an end, the proceeds of hog-raising are sufficient to pay their fair share towards farm costs. Hence the critical importance of adequate methods of marketing.

### Rarely Understands Own Interest

On these fundamentals a sound policy of agriculture should be grounded. But

C. R. Fay, Professor of Economics in the University of Toronto, who contributed the article printed below, is the author of several important studies on the co-operative movement, including the standard work, "Co-operation at Home and Abroad." As announced elsewhere in this issue, he will be invited by the U. F. A. Central Board to address the next Annual Convention. A list of the subjects upon which Professor Fay is prepared to speak is given in the report of the summer Board meeting.

the land owner (who in Canada is usually the cultivating farmer), rarely, if we are to believe Adam Smith, understands his own interest. Still less does the laborer, whose "education and habits are commonly such as to render him unfit to judge even though he was fully informed." However, there is a third class which, according to Adam Smith, does, and the long paragraph with which he concludes this part of his work should be framed in Hollinger gold above the bed of every member of the Canadian Manufacturers' association. We underline two of the most pregnant sentences. The quotation is taken from the last paragraph of Book I., Chapter XI.:

"Merchants and master manufacturers are, in this order, the two classes of people who commonly employ the largest capitals, and who by their wealth draw to themselves the greatest share of the public consideration. As during their whole lives they are engaged in plans and projects, they have frequently more acuteness of understanding than the greater part of country gentlemen. As their thoughts, however, are commonly exercised rather about the interest of their own particular branch of business, than about that of the society, their judgment, even when given with the greatest candour (which it has not been upon every occasion), is much more to be depended upon with regard to the former of those two objects, than with regard to the latter.

### Not Identical With Public Interest

"Their superiority over the country gentleman is, not so much in their knowledge of the public interest, as in their having a better knowledge of their own interest than he has of his. It is by their superior knowledge of their own interest that they have frequently imposed upon his generosity, and persuaded him to give up both his own interest and that of the public, from a very simple but honest conviction, that their interest, and not his, was the interest of the public."

"The interest of the dealers, however, in any particular branch of trade or manufactures, is always in some respects different from, and even opposite to, that of the public. To widen the market and narrow the competition, is always the interest of the dealers. To widen the market may frequently be agreeable enough to the interest of the public; but to narrow

the competition must always be against it, and can serve only to enable the dealers, by raising their profits above what they naturally would be, to levy, for their own benefit, an absurd tax upon the rest of their fellow citizens. The proposal of any new law or regulation of commerce which comes from this order, ought always to be listened to with great precaution, and ought never to be adopted till after having been long and carefully examined, not only with the most scrupulous, but with the most suspicious attention. It comes from an order of men, whose interest is never exactly the same with that of the public, who have generally an interest to deceive and even to oppress the public, and who accordingly have, upon many occasions, both deceived and oppressed it."

## Notes From the Wheat Pool Head Office

### SEND IN GROWERS' CERTIFICATES

Pool members are reminded that any Growers' Certificates still being held by them should be sent into the Head Office of the Pool at once for checking against deliveries, in preparation for payment, when authorized.

The instructions of the Annual Meeting to divide the Province into seventy Sub-Districts were carried out very carefully by Head Office, and every effort was made to make the divisions fairly. Members were placed in the lists according to the location of their land AS RECORDED IN HEAD OFFICE. A surprisingly large number of contracts come in on which the land description is incorrectly given, with the result that the name of the member concerned is placed in a wrong Sub-District list. A common mistake on Contracts is that on land lying "West of the Fifth Meridian" the description shows "West of the Fourth Meridian" or vice versa. Then again errors creep in when the land description is being transferred to index cards at Head Office. Members are requested to notify Head Office promptly if there is anything wrong in the way they have been listed.

### IS YOUR NAME SPELLED CORRECTLY?

### ARE YOUR INITIALS RIGHT?

### IS YOUR ADDRESS O.K.?

You have only one name to check up. Head Office has over 31,000. Co-operate with your Head Office to keep the records as nearly perfect as possible.

Hundreds of envelopes addressed to members and containing their list and ballot have been returned by the Post Office authorities marked "Removed, Left no address". Some of these members undoubtedly have money coming to them from the Pool, but cannot be located. **KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR HEAD OFFICE.**

# News of the Organization

Activities of Locals and District Associations and Information From Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

## Little Bow Convention At Lomond July 29th

The annual convention of the Little Bow U. F. A. Provincial Constituency Association will be held at Lomond on July 29th, commencing at 1:30 p.m., according to an announcement received from H. Renkenberger, the secretary. An address of welcome will be delivered by the mayor or reeve of Lomond, and will be replied to by Paul Frederick. O. L. McPherson, Speaker of the Legislature and member for the constituency, will speak, and it is hoped that a member of the Cabinet will also be present. Reports on the past year will be presented, and officers for the coming year elected. As this may be the last convention under the old boundaries, a large delegation is desired. In order that the strongest possible representation may be obtained from each Local, membership should be brought up to strength by the payment of the dues laid down in the constitution.

### ELECT DELEGATES FOR CONVENTION

Locals in the Macleod Federal Constituency are requested to elect delegates at the earliest possible date in preparation for the forthcoming annual convention of the U. F. A. Federal Constituency Association.

### GOOD REPORT FROM DELEGATE

"We received a very good report from our Junior delegate at our last regular meeting," writes Mrs. Enola Harlacher, secretary of Claresholm U. F. W. A. No. 204. "All were very well pleased and appreciate the interest shown in the farm boys and girls."

### EARLIE U. F. A. LOCAL VERY MUCH ALIVE

"I am pleased to be able to report that this Local is still very much alive," writes Wilfred G. Pearce, secretary of Earlie U. F. A. Local No. 607, in a letter to "The U. F. A." "Our meetings are being well attended and members are taking keen interest in all U. F. A. business."

A joint Pool meeting was held at Earlie on June 23rd, but was not well attended, partly on account of being in the afternoon. We had planned on holding a picnic on July 1st, and it was decided that we do as much as possible for the Pools on that day. The picnic was a success, and also we did get some contracts for the different Pools signed. I would like it to be noted that the few ladies who have stood by this Local for a number of years were right on the job again at the picnic."

Mrs. A. E. Postans, U. F. W. A. director for Battle River, has organized the new Sligo Junior Local, near Edgerton. Evelyn Taylor and Kathleen Reynolds are the officers and Mrs. Sager is the supervisor.

### VERMILION CONVENTION JULY 30TH

The Annual Convention of the Vermilion U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Association will be held on July 30th in the Orange Hall, Manville, commencing at 10 a.m.

At the morning session the convention will consider financial and other reports of the Executive and Board and will deal with resolutions. President H. N. Stearns of the Constituency Association will be the first speaker of the afternoon. R. G. Reid, Provincial Treasurer, and member for the Constituency, will deliver an address, and officers for the coming year will be elected. In the evening, Henry E. Spencer, U.F.A. Member for Battle River in the House of Commons and President H. W. Wood will be the speakers.

### PAPERS ON "THE WORLD'S WHEAT TRADE"

Two valuable papers on "The World's Wheat Trade", by Harold S. Patton, B.A., of the Department of Political Economy of the University of Alberta, have recently been published by the Extension Department, and may be obtained on application to the Department at Edmonton.

The first paper deals with "A Century and a Quarter of Wheat Prices", and the second with "The Changing Equilibrium in the World's Wheat Trade."

### RAISE \$11.85 AT DANCE

The sum of \$11.85 was realized from a dance and ice cream social given by the Pleasant Hill Junior Local, near Morningside.

### RECORD CROWD AT "THE POINT"

"The Point", on the Battle River, near Alliance, was the scene of an outdoor U. F. A. Sunday meeting attended by a record crowd. About 200 cars were parked on the grounds.

Rev. Alex. Stewart, of Castor, Rev. J. Dorrian, of Alliance, Rev. Mr. Haggith, of Coronation, and G. N. Johnston, M.L.A., were the speakers, while T. J. Coppock was chairman. The Castor and Alliance community bands, under the leadership of Mr. Lysne, gave several selections during the afternoon, while Mrs. Coppock conducted the joint choirs.

### BURNSIDE TO BUY PIANO

A box social and dance held by Burnside Local in April resulted in a profit of \$145.80, to be devoted to the purchase of a piano for the community hall which is being built in the Burnside-Jutland district, east of Didsbury, writes Mrs. Ruth Eckel, secretary of the Local. The basement has been dug, and work will be rushed as soon as seeding is finished. The matter of having a well dug in Didsbury, to supply water for farmers' teams, was taken up by this Local, and an arrangement made with the town council whereby the town will pay half and the farmers will collect the other half of the cost of drilling the well. This undertaking is now under way.

### REPORT ON JUNIOR CONFERENCE

A large crowd attended the last meeting of Dalemead Junior Local, in the community hall, when reports of the University Week were given by Miss Gladys Coonfer and Chas. R. Hornstra. Community singing; and the reading of a poem written by Miss Ruth Lucas of Lougheed, were much enjoyed.

## Nominating Convention Will be Held in Battle River, July 27th and 28th

All Locals Urged to Bring Membership Up to Strength in Order to Secure Full Representation—New Territory Entitled to Delegates—U. F. A. Campaign Can Be Financed Only by People Themselves

### To All Officers and Members:

You are earnestly requested to arrange for the strongest possible representation of your Local at the annual convention of the Battle River U. F. A. Federal Constituency Association, which will be held at Wainwright on Monday and Tuesday, July 27th and 28th. It has been decided that nomination of a candidate in the forthcoming Federal general election shall take place at the convention, in order that, should the election be called this fall, the expense of a second convention may be avoided.

### Most Important Since 1921

The convention will thus be the most important, in every respect, since the election year of 1921. A number of the most eminent men and women in the U. F. A. movement will address the convention, and it is anticipated that included among these will be President H. W. Wood and Mrs. R. B. Gunn, president

of the U. F. W. A., and William Irvine, M.P. Henry E. Spencer, M.P., the representative of Battle River in the House of Commons, will report on the work of the last session.

### Bring Membership Up to Strength

As president of the Constituency Association, I wish to impress upon all Local officers and members the desirability of securing as many paid-up members of the Association as possible during the brief period now intervening before the convention. This is desirable in order that a thoroughly representative delegation may be obtained from all parts of the constituency. Also (and I wish to lay great stress on this point) on account of the present lack of finances it is of the utmost importance that the funds now available should be greatly increased if the organized farmers wish to place a candidate in the field in the forthcoming election.

**No Subsidies by People's Antagonists**

We have no campaign funds subscribed by great centralized vested interests, such as the old political parties have at their disposal. Such funds we do not want, and could never expect to get, except at the price of betraying the interests of the people to their chief antagonists, as the political parties have always done as a matter of course. A U. F. A. election campaign can be financed only by the people themselves, through the membership dues paid to the organization. Those who pay the piper are generally successful in calling the tune.

I trust, therefore, that in all parts of the constituency a vigorous effort will be put forth at once to increase the membership of the Locals, and to elect as strong a delegation as the membership of each Local entitles it to have. We do not know definitely when the election will come, but must be thoroughly prepared. The first step in efficient preparation is to bring the Locals up to strength and this should be done as far as possible before the convention.

**Locals in New Territory**

Locals in the new territory which has been brought into the constituency by redistribution will be entitled to representation at the convention, and I hope that these will all send strong delegations.

Yours fraternally,  
A. F. AITKEN,  
President.

Moyerton, Alta.

**CRAIGMYLE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

A meeting of the Craigmyle U.F.A. District Association will be held in Coates' Hall, Della, on Friday, July 31st, commencing at 1.30 p.m. G. A. Forster, M.L.A., will address the meeting.

**GOOD ATTENDANCE AT CARBON**

Carbon U. F. W. A. Local now have twenty members, and their meetings are well attended and interesting, reports the secretary, Mrs. B. L. Braden. At the June meeting Mrs. C. Bruels gave a paper on the Community Property Act, which the Local very strongly endorses.

**"THE JUNIOR U. F. A."**

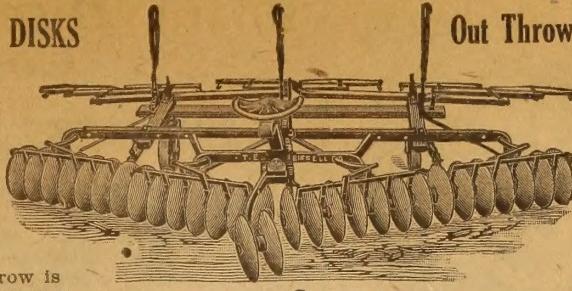
Copies of "The Junior U. F. A.", published by the Junior Branch of the organization following the June conference in Edmonton, may be obtained from Central Office, price 25 cents. The paper contains a number of interesting articles dealing with the events of conference week, and the official reports and addresses together with the complete minutes of the Junior Conference. Proceeds will be used to cover the cost of publication, and every U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Local is invited to purchase a copy.

**IRVINE'S ADDRESS NOW OBTAINABLE**

The address given by William Irvine M.P., on "Efficiency and Permanence of Economic Organization", before the last annual convention of the United Farmers of Ontario, has been printed in pamphlet form. Copies may be obtained from the U. F. O. Central Office, 109 George Street, Toronto, Ont.

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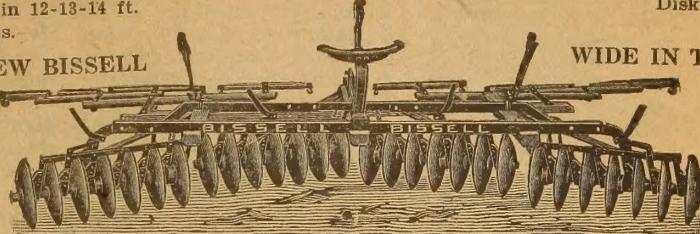
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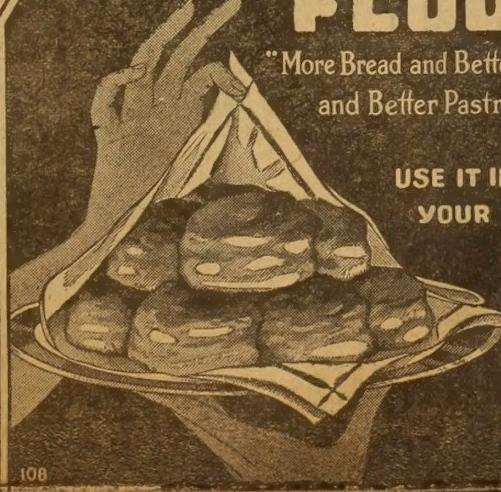
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# Board Discusses Progress of New Co-operative Pools

A. B. Claypool Reports on Work Accomplished—Prof. Fay to Be Invited to Speak at Convention—Threshing Cost Resolution Referred to Constituency Assns.

Consultation between the full Board of the U. F. A. and A. B. Claypool, M.L.A., representing the joint campaign committee of the Livestock, Dairy, and Egg and Poultry Pools, took place at the summer meeting of the Board in Calgary last week, when Mr. Claypool reported on the progress made, and stated that the committee would be glad to have any suggestions as to the best way to carry on the campaign up to August 1st, with a view to obtaining the necessary signatures to all three contracts.

#### Discussion on Organization

A very thorough discussion took place on the subject of organization, and the Board agreed that this work should be carried on more assiduously, and recommending that the closest possible contact be established by every Director with every Local under his supervision, and that if personal contact cannot be established in all cases, that other means, including the services of a sub-organizer, be employed.

#### Prof. Fay to Speak at Convention

Professor C. R. Fay of the University of Toronto, will in all probability be one of the speakers at the next Annual Convention. In a letter which was read to the Board, President Edwards of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, stated he had invited Professor Fay to address their convention, and asked the U. F. A. to co-operate in meeting expenses. Mr. Edwards believed that the U. F. M. would also be pleased to invite Professor Fay, who is one of the highest authorities on co-operation and kindred questions, to address the Manitoba convention. The Board directed that the necessary steps should be taken to bring Prof. Fay to the U. F. A. Convention next January. Prof. Fay is willing to speak on any one of the following subjects:

- (1) The World Market for Wheat
- (2) Comparative Development of Commodity Marketing in Canada, the United States and Europe
- (3) Intensive Co-operative Education.
- (4) Relation Between Producers' and Consumers' Co-operatives.

#### Would Require Amendment

The Board considered a resolution from Serviceberry District Association asking that all resolutions passed by U. F. A. Locals should be printed and sent back to each Local for consideration and vote on same, then to be returned to Central Office for further consideration by the Annual Convention. It was pointed out that it would be impossible to comply with the wishes of this association without an amendment to the Constitution. Preference is given at the Annual Convention to resolutions which, after their adoption by Locals, have been submitted and passed by a Federal or Provincial Constituency or by a District Association.

H. E. G. H. Scholefield, Vice-President, raised the question of the desirability of sending out a circular on harvest help similar to the circular sent out last year, and this course was decided on.

The action of the Senate in excluding corporations from reimbursement given to Home Bank depositors under the terms of the act of last session, was

discussed. It was suggested that as the U. F. A. is not an industrial or business association, but a benevolent association, a protest might be made to the Government. It was also suggested that the matter should be taken up with the secretary of the Alberta group in the House of Commons. Action was deferred until the matter could be discussed with the Federal members on their return from Ottawa.

#### Cost of Threshing

The Board directed that the following resolution submitted by Serviceberry District Association, should be sent to the Provincial Constituency Associations:

Whereas: In the opinion of most farmers the cost of threshing is higher than "the traffic will bear," and

Whereas: One of the causes of the unduly high rate charged for threshing is due to the uncertainty of the cost of boarding the crew in case of bad weather, which delays the work, and,

Whereas: This uncertain cost must be taken into consideration by the threshermen in fixing his rate, with the result that if he fails to allow enough he loses money, and if he allows too much he makes too much money, which factors depend entirely on conditions over which no one has control, or can reasonably predict, with the result that on the whole the rate is fixed at a figure unnecessarily high, therefore, be it

Resolved: That when the crew is employed for threshing it shall be agreed between the thresherman and his help that the help shall be paid a stipulated daily wage, and that the help shall pay a stipulated amount daily for board. And be it further

Resolved: That if this resolution is passed by the Serviceberry District Association, a copy be sent to the U.F.A. Central Office with the request that copies be sent to each U. F. A. Local with the request that they take similar action, or if this be found, in their opinion, to be impracticable, that a copy be sent by them to each Constituency Association and District Association that expects to hold a Convention before threshing begins, requesting them to take similar action.

#### PRINCIPLES OF CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING IN BRIEF

The following essentials to success in co-operative marketing were outlined by Walton H. Peteet, secretary of the National Council of Farmers' Co-operative Marketing Associations of the United States, at Lethbridge, on June 13th:

1. The organization must extend over the whole area of production of a commodity. Areas of production must organize; then all must be brought into a federation. This makes the co-operative a factor, but not a monopoly.

2. A contract over a period of years is necessary. This gives the organization a reasonable assurance of something to sell; it inspires confidence, enables the organization to secure credit to provide facilities and make advances.

3. All members must be on a basis of equality. Products must be sold strictly on grade, and all members paid on that basis.

4. The ablest brains are necessary. Technically trained men are essential.

5. Democracy in the organization must prevail.

**POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK POOLS  
PASS MINIMUM SIGN-UP—ALL  
THREE WILL "GO OVER" IF  
EFFICIENT CANVASS  
CONTINUED**

(Continued from page 1)

day up to the time of the assembling of the delegates for the general meeting on August 4th.

As was to be expected, the sign-up in the Livestock Pool has been best in the mixed farming areas. It has been particularly good from Didsbury north, and generally on the westerly side of the Province. In the wheat country the sign-up has been somewhat scattered.

#### POULTRY BOARD MEET

ON JULY 21st

A meeting of the full Board of the Egg and Poultry Pool will be held at the head office, Calgary, on Tuesday, July 21st, when arrangements will be made for the calling of the first general meeting of the Pool, at which the Permanent Board will be elected.

### Repudiates Election as "Vice-President" of Ribstone Liberals

Dan Stewart Not a Member of Party,  
Did Not Attend Convention, and Is  
Loyal to the U. F. A.

#### Misleading Press Propaganda

Editor, "The U. F. A.":

In view of the wide publicity which the Liberal convention held at Czar, in the Provincial Constituency of Ribstone, has received in the public press, my name appearing as one of the vice-presidents, and the part which I have always taken in the U. F. A. movement since 1910 in this part of the Province, I feel in duty bound to crave for space in the columns of "The U. F. A." to clarify the situation.

U. F. A. Member

I am not a member of any Liberal organization and did not attend the above named convention, neither did I consent nor authorize my name to be placed in nomination as an office bearer.

#### Twenty Years' Hard Work and Sacrifice

When I look back over a period of twenty years of hard work and sacrifice and recall such names as the late Rod MacKenzie of Manitoba, Partridge, Motherwell, and the late Fred Green, Sask., the late Bower, Tregillus, Speakman and our own H. W. Wood of Alberta, and others who gave of their time and money to further the cause, I deeply deplore that men turn round today and join a sister organization "The Farmers' Union", whose objects appear to be practically the same—the betterment of the farmer.

Whether this movement in Alberta is due to the dissatisfaction with the Farmers' Government is an open question. The fact remains that many of the old guard are not satisfied, and I for one am out of Provincial politics, believing that "a man's mind is his kingdom" and "The mind's the standard of the man."

I trust that I have enough Scotch independence and the courage of my own convictions to express my opinion either in favor or against the policy of the U. F. A. Government and the private members whom we worked so hard to put into power or the official opposition, but to say that after working as I have done that I am ready and willing to accept nomination as vice-president of the Ribstone Liberal organization and all that would entail is absolutely untrue.

Thanking you, I remain,  
Fraternally yours,

DAN STEWART.

Cairns, Alta.

day up to the time of the assembling of the delegates for the general meeting on August 4th.

As was to be expected, the sign-up in the Livestock Pool has been best in the mixed farming areas. It has been particularly good from Didsbury north, and generally on the westerly side of the Province. In the wheat country the sign-up has been somewhat scattered.

#### POULTRY BOARD MEET

ON JULY 21st

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## Deals With Problems of Consumer "Co-op"

"Service at Cost" Is Sound Policy, Declares B. C. Lees

Editor, "The U. F. A.!"

As the spirit of co-operative trading is becoming part of our daily lives as farmers, I would like to place before "The U. F. A." readers my views on the greatest of all co-operative enterprises, the "Consumers", which is the only common ground for all the people the world over.

Labor, sooner or later, is bound to control their own particular industry, and we shall have Pools for all there is to sell, and in order to guard against group selfishness, the solution is one big Consumers' Pool.

### Cannot Serve Two Masters

The farmers are talking more and more of buying goods collectively, in order to find out for themselves why the things they buy are so out of proportion to the things they have to sell. The main reason for this inequality is, all labor is serving capital, not the masses, and, "No man can serve two masters."

Capital demands a profit on all goods sold in the form of dividends and reserves. The men who have charge of this capital are anxious to build up large reserves, at the expense of the consumers, for two reasons: first, an error of judgment might cause a loss; second, the stock exchange looks to reserves for prosperity, not to business turnover, which helps the consumer.

A reserve can never be a service to the consumer, as it is a toll extracted for no service rendered, and the farmer under present conditions pays for it in all he buys and all he sells. A reserve is often used to fight the ones who made it possible to create. When the people demand certain reforms which are detrimental to capital, reserves are drawn upon to crush them.

### The Greatest Reserves

Were the banks and railroads owned by the state for the benefit of all, instead of looking for dividends, we should have a more contented people; and after all is said and done, the greatest reserve of a nation is contentment of all the people, not capital and pauperism, but service to all.

When the Rochdale pioneers started rendering a service to the people, they were not ready for service at cost, so they compromised, but owing to the great service they have given us in the past, they have made it possible for us to take another step forward.

The general store came into being as a convenience in two ways: first, it was found cheaper to store goods in large quantities; second, the masses were on a weekly wage and could not afford to keep on hand large supplies, but it being in the hands of individuals they were not content to sell goods at cost of service, but added profits for themselves.

If I trade a bushel of potatoes with a neighbor for a bushel of beets, we simply make the trade, but for convenience I use the local store, which is not willing to do it for service rendered, and if I want to trade my potatoes with a farmer in Ceylon for tea, I find they go through about eight hands, each extracting a toll for no service rendered, forcing the producer to produce twice the

quantity in order to satisfy what we call modern industry, drifting back to the life of the bee, drones and workers.

### Service at Cost the Remedy

The remedy lies with us, service at cost, and to get service at cost, all that is necessary is to find out how much a particular service costs.

For example, let us take a hundred families wishing groceries at cost. It takes around a thousand dollars to keep on hand all the groceries needed to supply them including rent and necessary fixtures. The hundred families agree to be members of an association at ten dollars per family as long as they receive service, the ten dollars to be paid back at any time they leave the community, it being no longer a service to them.

All the groceries are sold with a safe margin to take care of cost of handling; at the end of every three months, any balance over to be distributed amongst the members in proportion to the amount of goods they buy, the non-members' portion going towards their membership until fully paid.

### Apply Initiative and Referendum

The more members there are the cheaper it will be to handle the goods, but they may demand a more elaborate service which demands more capital. In this case all that is necessary is to put into force the principles of the Initiative and Referendum, and if carried, the extra membership charge to be taken from future participations of balance to their credit.

When there is a demand for a new department they call for membership until there is sufficient subscribed to start, each department standing on its own merits, and when the local limit is reached, it is time to carry out the same principles to the wholesales and manufacturer.

In order to simplify this I would suggest the U. F. A. draw up some by-laws on the most advanced lines, to be discussed in the Locals, so when the links are joined together they are of equal strength.

B. C. LEES.  
McCafferty Local, Edgerton.

## Much Enthusiasm at Meetings in North-East, Says Glambeck

Speaker in Drive for Pools Discusses Conditions Among the Farmers—Good U. F. A. Locals at Many Points

Writing on a recent speaking and organizing tour in behalf of the new co-operative Pools, John Glambeck states in a letter to "The U. F. A.":

"To the prairie farmer a trip through the country north-east of Edmonton in June is a revelation, and if you love trees, rivers, creeks and lakes, this is the place to go to. But the scenery, fine as it is, is not the only fine thing to be found up there. As a matter of fact there are some surprisingly fine farming districts, well cleared of brush, along the St. Paul road, with splendid soil and fine crops.

"Some 18 points were visited by the writer during the Pool drive, starting with Bon Accord in the west, ending with Ardmore in the east, about 30 miles west of Cold Lake. Most of the meetings were well attended and much enthusi-

asm was shown for the Pools. Pool contracts were signed at all meetings and committees appointed to canvass the district to obtain signatures.

#### Good Locals at These Points

At Bon Accord, Gibbons, Waskatenau, Warspite, Vilna, Ashmont and Boyne Lake there are good U. F. A. Locals, but in the Ruthenian and French settlements much educational work needs to be done.

"I think if U. F. A. literature could be printed in the French and Ruthenian languages and distributed through that whole district, and the leading men of both nationalities could be prevailed upon to take up organization work, good results could be obtained and several Locals added to the organization.

Several reasons may be given for the smaller membership as compared with 1921, but I believe that if a more aggressive campaign was carried on for members in some quarters, and if a little more attention could be given to the citizen of foreign birth, good results would follow.

"With French literature, and with the assistance of a few active U. F. A. workers among the French, I think Locals could be organized and reorganized at St. Lena, St. Vincent, Bonnyville, St. Joseph, Ardmore and other French settlements around St. Paul, while Ruthenian Locals, I think, might be organized at Radway Centre, Smoky Lake, Stony, Hamlin and Belle."

#### LOYALTY HAS GOOD PROGRAM

The secretary of Loyalty Junior Local, Miss Effie Hogg, has sent in a copy of the program of this Local's meetings in the season 1924-1925. It includes an annual field day, basketball games and baseball tournament; debates, "Resolved, that reading is more educational than travelling"; "Resolved, that the Greeks were more progressive than the Egyptians"; a play; "Alberta and Its Products" by the school children; business and social meetings, reports of delegates, and joint meetings with the senior Locals to hear outside speakers.

"All the young people from far and near belong to our Local," writes Miss Hogg, "and are very much interested in the program we are carrying out."

#### SHOULD ADDRESS TO MAJOR DOUGLAS

We have been requested to publish the following statement:

"In view of some misapprehensions in regard to the authorization of certain organizations in England to invite correspondence on the Douglas Credit Theory, Major Douglas would be much obliged if any correspondence which is intended to reach him would be addressed to him personally at 8 Fig Tree Court, Temple, E.C. 4, London, England. Up to the present time no organization has had authority to invite correspondence on his behalf."

#### GRABBING THE WHEEL

"The art of being ready to help the other fellow without interfering with his driving through life is a rare one. There are thousands who have a genuine desire to help the world along, but the execution of their desire very often is manifested by grabbing the wheel or reaching for the brake when some other fellow is driving. Where the 'power through repose' comes in is just here; some of us get all worked up when something with which we are connected seems to be heading for the ditch, but may not be, while others can keep cool and collected and unexcited. The latter have power that the former haven't. And when a real crisis comes and when the driver does lose control of the car, the one who hasn't allowed himself to be distracted by the other fellow's driving can usually do the right thing to save the situation. I'd like to own

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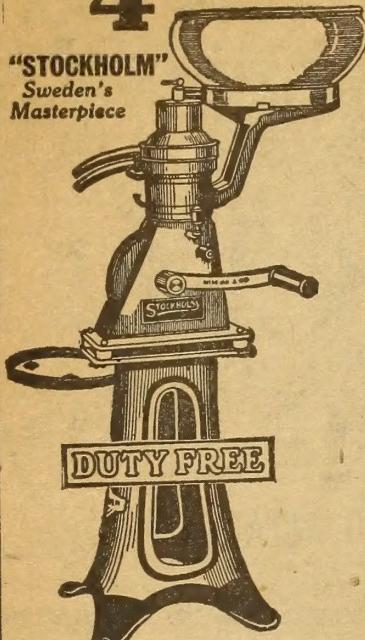
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## Organize Now to Meet the Season's Harvest Labor Requirements

Locals Are Urged to See That Employment Representatives Are Appointed—Will Follow Plan Successfully Applied Last Year

### To Officers and Members:

In view of the marked success of the plan of co-operation between the U. F. A. and the Alberta Employment Service adopted last year in the handling of the harvest labor problem, the full Board of the U.F.A., at the midsummer meeting recently held, decided upon similar action this year, and instructed that a circular be sent to each Local outlining the plan and urging their co-operation in making it effective.

Last year, as a direct result of this plan, more than a thousand farmers from the dried-out areas found employment with farmers in more fortunate districts, and nearly seventy new agencies were established for the handling of farm labor. By this means farmers who were blessed with a crop last year were able to secure the most efficient farm labor obtainable, while the farmers from the dried-out areas were given preference in obtaining work.

In every district where efficient agents were appointed by the farmers themselves, the service given proved of very great value, not only to the employers, but to the farm laborers as well, in spite of the fact that the plan was not brought into operation until the season was well advanced. The adoption of a similar plan during the present season may be expected to bring better results, as the plans of the Employment Service are already completed, and only await action on the part of the farmers' local organizations.

### U. F. A. Locals Most Efficient Organizers

To ensure the success of the plan, efficient local organization is essential. The Employment Service has good connections in a number of small towns and villages. These connections have been of great value to farmers in past years, and it is desirable that they shall be established for the present season at the earliest possible date. Organization will be most effective if it is undertaken by U. F. A. Locals.

Upon the completion of organization an employment representative should be appointed. A man engaged in some business, and situated on a line of railway and provided with telephone connection is as a rule in the best position to undertake the necessary duties. Many such men are glad to act as agents, and thus render a real service to the communities in which they carry on their ordinary business.

You will greatly assist in the execution of the plans of the Employment Service by appointing your representative at once. He should establish immediate connection with Mr. Walter Smitten, Director of the Alberta Government Employment Service, Edmonton. Any farmer who may wish to take work with another farmer during the harvest season should call on the Employment Representative in the district to which he goes, to obtain necessary directions before taking employment.

In districts where harvest labor will be needed, every farmer is requested, when submitting a statement of his labor requirements to the Employment Representative for his district, to indicate whether he wishes to give preference to farmers who have suffered crop failure. If this class of labor can be obtained, the order will be filled accordingly by the Employment Service. Otherwise, imported or other labor will be supplied.

If there has been a crop failure in your district, appoint an Employment Representative just as you would do if you had a

crop and intended to bring in harvesters. The work of the representative will be to collect information as to the number of farmers who wish to find work during harvest, and to forward this information to the Alberta Employment Service. If farmers wish to hire out with teams, this should be stated; if some of them are qualified as engineers and wish to obtain engineer's jobs during threshing, this also should be stated. Information on these and other matters should be as complete as possible.

The names and addresses of all employment representatives appointed should be forwarded to Mr. Smitten before August 1st, together with a statement of the number of men required. If your district has

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HAROLD KING,  
Egremont.

suffered a crop failure, submit, instead, a statement of the number of men who wish to obtain employment.

It is of great importance that the information should be in the hands of the Employment Service at the earliest possible date. Without it, the Service must experience serious difficulties in estimating the labor requirements of the various portions of the Province.

The Service is in a position to give very valuable assistance to the farmers. It is obvious, however, that the matter rests largely in the hands of the farmers themselves. The earlier the information is received, and the more complete it is, the more efficient will be the assistance which the Employment Service can give you.

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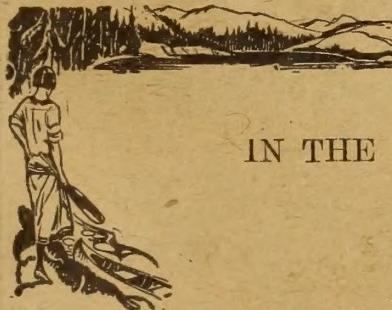
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